Silver TRIDENT WINERY

BENEVOLENT DICTATOR

Russian River Pinot Noir

2018

What do you call a wine with a powerful, authoritative presence that's also irresistibly likeable and food-friendly—bold, yet balanced, firm, yet kind? You call it Benevolent Dictator, of course.

2018 VINTAGE

A dry winter was followed by abundant and nourishing rainfall in March and April. As water reservoir levels climbed to almost full capacities, mild winter and spring temperatures delayed budbreak by almost two weeks. Continued cool, steady late spring and summer temperatures pushed veraison out by another several weeks. August and September also remained consistently cool and we were able to avoid the major heat spikes that are so common during late summer months. As we continued to inch towards harvest, the near-perfect weather and long growing season gave us plenty of time to pick grapes at optimal ripeness. Yields were up over past years and the quality of the fruit was stellar. Wines from the 2018 vintage will be bright with concentrated flavors and lush tannins.

TASTING NOTES

Classic Russian River aromas of cola and spice harmonize with bright notes of black cherry and ripe strawberry. Juicy and round upon entry, the mid-palate is packed with complex layers of dried herbs, baking spice, black tea and ripe red fruits of strawberry, cranberry and cherry. As the wine evolves in the glass, an apex of ripe red fruit blossoms with a touch of Tahitian vanilla and toasted brioche from new French oak barrels. This elegantly layered, mouthwatering and alluring wine flaunts a velvety texture which expresses the beauty of the grape and its terroir. This wine is playful in its youth and will age gracefully in the years ahead.

Vintage: 2018
Appellation: 100% Russian River
Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir, 50% clone 667 and 50% clone 777
Cooperage: 100% French oak, 50% new, 50% 2-year French oak
Alcohol: 14.1%
Production: 515 cases

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